

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH FELTHAM

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th/5th September 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35



Parish Team

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*Parish Office Open: Monday and Thursday
9.15am-1.15pm*

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Florie or visit the office on a Monday or Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

NEW MASS TIMES FROM SEPTEMBER

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.30am to 11.00am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Meet Fr Joseph Okoro in Brief

I arrived St Lawrence Parish Feltham last Thursday, and delighted for a new, and dare I say, what I hope would be an exciting challenge in this next chapter of my priesthood. I look forward to journeying with everyone in this common vocation of ours as disciples of Christ, following in the footsteps of our humble and compassionate Saviour.

In the last four years after my priestly ordination at Westminster Cathedral on the 24th of June 2017, the solemnity of the Birthday of St. John the Baptist, I had a very fulfilling priestly ministry at Holy Rood Parish Watford. As a newly ordained, my time and experience of ministry in Holy Rood couldn't be better.

I am one of eight, the last of the five boys of my parents, and a Nigerian. I came to England 12 years ago, trained in Allen Hall Seminary and was ordained for ministry in Westminster Diocese. A great Chelsea fan – and delightful to be one!

Looking forward to getting to meet you all in time, as we accompany one another in our journey of faith and to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ amidst the challenges of the present day world. God bless you.

Fr Joseph

In today's gospel Jesus gives back to the dumb man the ability to talk. Jesus says 'Ephphatha' which means 'be opened' and immediately the man was healed.

*Lord, help us to be aware of the closed parts in us
that need to 'be opened' to new beginnings,
new possibilities for building friendships
and accepting the new life you offer. Amen (JB)*

The Sunday obligation is still suspended.

Masks are recommended when in Church.

When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace.

Please continue to sanitize your hands.

The Government guidelines states that you should not come to church if you have Covid-19 symptoms, or you are shielding or self-isolating.

Bidding Prayers for the week:

We bring our prayers to God our Father, asking for God's healing love to fill our hearts and minds:

We pray for the Pope and all those called to lead the Church: that we may listen and respond to the needs of those who are poor with love and humility

We pray for those who cannot hear or speak: that in all forms of communications, they may feel held in compassionate listening and patient love.

Let us pray for all those whose lives have been turned upside-down by flooding, wildfires, drought and other natural disasters. May they experience the support and love that they need in order to face the future with courage and hope.

We pray for the thousands in Afghanistan who are desperately trying to flee the country after the Taliban insurgency. May the many families, especially those with children, living in makeshift camps in Kabul, be kept safe and delivered aid in their hour of need.

We pray for those who feel ignored or forgotten: that they may be given a sense of belonging and of being part of the family of God.

We pray for children that are about to embark on starting school in September. May their first experience on their educational ladder be a happy and joy-filled one. We also remember those starting secondary school, college, and university, may all their days be enthused by the Holy Spirit.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

Loving Father, source of all healing and hope, we offer you our prayers, asking you to grant them, through Christ our Lord. Amen

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is now open from 7.30am in the Parish Centre.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL FOOD BANK

The food bank requires the following: tinned food (tomatoes, chickpeas, kidney beans), toiletries (including nappies, toilet paper), cleaning products, washing detergent, breakfast bars, crisps, cereal, squash, orange juice, etc. NO PASTA OR RICE please. Supermarket gift cards are also acceptable to allow families to buy fresh produce. Kindly put your donations in the food collection box in church and these will be handed to the school. *Thank you – Roly, Sharyn, Jo, Bridget.*

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2022 – **Thursday 23rd September 2021**

For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form (Year 12) in 2022 –

Wednesday 29th September 2021. *Further information to follow.*

FR JOHN LOUIS TABOR FAREWELL MASS

The farewell Mass and presentation for Fr John Louis takes place next **Saturday 11th September at 5.00pm.**

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Fr John Louis please leave an envelope with your contribution with Fr John Byrne, Deacon Colin, Roly or Florie in the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you wish for your child/children to take part in our First Holy communion, Confirmation or Sunday School classes please request the relevant form from theresafernandes@aol.com. Classes will begin later this month or in October.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS (RCIA)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please call Fr John Byrne on 0787 905 8732

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 4	11am	Kevin and Susan Dowling in Thanksgiving – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
	5pm	In Thanksgiving and for Good Health – D'Souza Family
Sun 5	8am	Bernadette Onianwa in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Gabriel D'Souza RIP
	11am	Volney and Cruzita Pereira in Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon 6	10am	Idalin D'Souza RIP
Tues 7	10am	Sarah Lenon RIP
Wed 8	10am	Tudor Wijasinghe RIP
Thurs 9	10am	Eileen Carroll RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 10	10am	Annie Burke (Intention)
Sat 11	11am	Bill Dethridge RIP
	5pm	Nigel Owen RIP (Anniversary) (Farewell Mass for Fr John Louis)
Sun 12	8am	Roger Furtado in Thanksgiving
	9.30am	Daire Gallachoir (Intention)
	11am	Anthony Adams (Intention)
Sanctuary Lamp: Graham Johnston RIP		

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To You God entrusted his only Son;
in You Mary placed her trust;
with You Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph to us too, show yourself as Father
and guide us on the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Prayer for Afghanistan (by CAFOD)

Almighty God, in our distress and grief help us to remember that you love us.

We do not understand why this great disaster has happened but help us to trust you.

Loving Lord,

for those who have died, give them eternal rest
for those who are bereaved, comfort and console them

for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.

Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.

Heavenly Father be with us now and always.

Amen.

Thank you for your generous contributions during these times. The contactless machine is available in the Church.

A Parish Finance Report will be produced shortly.

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